GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF MARBLE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/ being taken to save the domestic marble industry vis-Ã -vis imports;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation from the Government of Rajasthan for development of marble clusters for promotion of marble industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure competitiveness of indigenous marble industry ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The Government has kept import of marble restricted to protect domestic producers from cheap imports. Only a limited quantity of import is being allowed to meet the domestic demand for higher priced marble.

(b) & (c): A project for increasing the competitiveness of Marble Cluster, Kishangarh, Rajasthan was sanctioned under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme in 2004 with a project cost of Rs.36.80 crore involving Central grant of Rs.27.60 crore. The project is under implementation.